

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 8-12 are pending. The status identification of the claims being amended relative to granted Patent No. 6,321,074 is as follows:

Claim 1 is amended by this Amendment;

Claim 2 is original and remains pending;

Claim 3 is cancelled by this Amendment and is therefore no longer pending;

Claims 4-7 are cancelled as per the submission of December 2, 2004 or July 20, 2006, and are therefore no longer pending.

Claims 8-12 are original and remain pending.

Claim 13, presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the Reissue Application on November 19, 2003, and amended in the Amendment filed December 2, 2004, is cancelled by this Amendment and is therefore no longer pending.

Claims 14-16, presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the Reissue Application on November 19, 2003, are cancelled by this Amendment and are therefore no longer pending.

Claims 17-19, presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the Reissue Application on November 19, 2003, have been cancelled in the Amendment filed December 2, 2004, are therefore not pending.

Claim 20 presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the Reissue Application on November 19, 2003, and amended in the Amendment filed December 2, 2004, is cancelled by this Amendment and is therefore no longer pending.

Claim 21, presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the Reissue Application on November 19, 2003, is cancelled by this Amendment and is therefore no longer pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action it was indicated that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate all of the limitations of 3. Claim 1 is now in form for allowance, making the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Since claim 2 now depends from allowable claim 1, withdrawal of the objection to claim 2 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action indicated that claims 8-12 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 1-2 and 8-12 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The present application is believed to be in form for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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